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OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

United Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

LOWER CREEK CHURCH,

CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C.,

August 13th and 14th, 1869.

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PROCEEDINGS.

LOWER CREEK, CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C.,
Friday, August 13th, 1869.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. SHELL. Text, I Corinthians, 3 ch. and 11th verse: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

After an intermission of twenty-five minutes, the delegates convened in the meeting-house for the dispatch of business.—Prayer by R. L. Steele, Moderator of last year.

Letters from 14 churches were read, from which the annexed statistical table was prepared. Then organized the Association: Elder R. L. STEELE, was chosen *Moderator*, and Br. P. ELLER, *Clerk*.

Appointed Elder E. Alison, from the Catawba Association, to preach at the stand this evening.

On motion, Buffalo, a newly constituted church, was received into the union of the Association.

Then, on motion, corresponding messengers were invited, when Elder R. H. Moody, E. Alison, and Br. P. Warlick, E. Helterbrand and A. Helterbrand were received from the Catawba Association, with a letter, but no minutes. From the Brier Creek, Br. H. Hendren; no letter nor minutes.

All received the right hand of fellowship and seated with the Association.

On motion, the 4th article in the Minutes of the Lewis Fork Association, was read and referred to the committee of Arrangements.

On motion, transient preachers were invited to seats in the Association:

Elders H. West, L. Land, G. Livingston, E. Tilly, J. B. Green, and Br. Deans, of the Taylorsville School; Also Br. J. H. Mills, from Raleigh, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*; Elder W. T. Walters, corresponding secretary of Foreign Missions, from Wake Forest; and Elder W. R. Gaultney, from the Bula Association, accepted the invitation, received the right hand of fellowship and seated in the Association.

Received a letter from the Jefferson Association, but no messenger nor minutes.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

On Missions,.....Elder G. D. Sherill.
On Education, ...Elder J. T. Shell.
On Sabbath Schools,.....Elder J. H. West.
On Periodicals, ...Elder I. R. Sherill.
On Temperance, ...Elder S. Furgeson.
On State of Religion,.....Elders Oxford, Powell and Shell.
On Devotional Exercises,.....Delegates of the Lower Creek Church.
On Finance,.....Brethren C. W. Clark and J. W. Thomas.

The committee on Uniformity of Preaching reported: Report laid on the table and the committee discharged.

Ordered by the Association, that the Constitution, Abstract of Principles and By-Laws be printed with the Minutes.

Appointed Elders S. Furgeson, J. B. Powell, I. Oxford, A. Johnson and J. T. Shell, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee on Arrangements, and invite corresponding messengers to sit with them.

On motion, Elders W. T. Walters and Gaultney, Brn. Mills and Deans, were invited to sit with the committee.

The committee on Devotional Exercise reported for to-morrow:

1st., Br. Moody, to preach at 10 o'clock; Elder A. Johnson to close the services. Br. Gaultney to preach at 1 o'clock, and br. S. Furgeson to close.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder R. H. Moody.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14th, 1869.

Prayer meeting, one hour, conducted by Elder Moody.

1st. Called the roll of delegates and marked absentees.

2nd. Read Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Read Minutes of yesterday.

4th. Committee of Arrangement reported. Report received and committee discharged.

5th. Again invited transient preachers: Professor Wingate, from Wake Forest College, accepted the invitation. Also Br. R. S. Prichard, from the Central Association, and Elder S. O. Tatum, corresponding messenger from the Yadkin Association, were received.

6th. The committee on Missions reported and was discharged. See report at letter A.

7th. At 11 o'clock the Association took a collection for State Missions, amounting to $41 50, which was paid over to brother Walters.

8th. The committee on Sabbath Schools reported and were discharged. See report at letter B.

When, on motion, J. T. Shell was appointed General Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

9th. The committee on Finance reported and was discharged. See report at letter C.

10th. The committee on Education reported and was discharged. See report at letter D.

11th. Committee on Periodicals reported. Report rejected and committee discharged.

12th. Committee on Temperance reported, and committee discharged. See report at letter E.

13th. Granted a letter of dismission to New Bethany Church.

14th. Took up the 4th Article in the Minutes of the Lewisfork Association, and answered as follows:

Resolved, That we respectfully decline a correspondence with the Lewisfork Association, on the terms offered; but we stand ready to receive a correspondence on the terms agreed upon in convention at Three Forks.

15th. Treasurer reported. Report received and Treasurer discharged. See report at letter F.

16th. Ordered by the Association that the Clerk retain $2 25, balance for last year's printing. The Association paid $2 75.

17th. Corresponding Messengers reported. Report received and Messengers discharged.

18th. Appointed Corresponding Messengers:

To the *Catawba*, Elders R. L. Steele, J. McNeil, I. Oxford, and I. R. Sherill.

To *Brier Creek*, R. L. Steele, J. McNeil, I. Oxford, S. Ginnings, F. P. Curtis and J. Parlear.

To the *Jefferson*, Elder A. Johnson, and Br. M. Camell.

To the *Yadkin*, Br. S. Ginning, Elder J. McNeil, and F. P. Curtis.

19th. Called on the delegates appointed last Association, to the Baptist State Convention. Report received and Messengers discharged.

20th. Appointed Elders W. A. Pool and G. D. Sherill, delegates to the session of the Baptist State Convention.

21st. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Cub Creek Church, Wilkes county, N. C., four miles S. W. of Wilkesboro, to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Lord's-Day in August, 1870. Elder G. D. Sherill to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. B. Powell his alternate.

22nd. Appointed the Clerk to superintend printing the Minutes. Allowed him $5 00 for his services, and have as many copies printed as the remainder of the funds will pay for.

23rd Appointed Friday before the first Sabbath in October next, a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

24th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for their kind hospitality during this session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed.
Prayer by Br. Alison. Benediction by the Moderator.

R. L. STEELE, *Moderator*.

P. ELLER, *Clerk*.

Ordained Ministers in the United Baptist Association.

	POST OFFICES,	COUNTIES.
J. B. Powell,	Lenoir,	Caldwell.
I. Smith,	"	"
G. D. Sherill,	"	"
D. B. Brown,	"	"
A Johnson,	Jefferson,	Ashe.
W. Church,	Job's Cabin,	Wilkes.
J. H. West,	Deal's Mills,	Caldwell.
S. Furguson,	Warrior Creek,	Wilkes.
R. L. Steele,	Taylorsville,	Alexander.
J. B. Green,	New Hope,	Iredell.
J. T. Shell,	Hickory Station,	Caldwell.
I. R. Sherill,	Lenoir,	"
J. McNeil,	Wilkesboro,	Wilkes,
W. A. Pool,	Taylorsville,	Alexander,
I. Oxford,	Deal's Mills,	Caldwell.

More should have been written to in

Churches.	Pastors.
Cub Creek,	Elder James McNeil.
Concord,	" J. Crouch.
Liberty Grove,	No Pastor reported.
Sulphur Spring,	Elder W. A. Pool.
Taylorsville,	" W. A. Pool.
Sardis,	" J. T. Shell.
Dudley Shoal,	" G. D. Sherill.
New Hope,	" J. McNeil.
Oak Forest,	" J. NcNeil.
New Bethany,	" J. B. Marsh.
Bethel,	" A. Johnson.
Lower Creek,	" J. B. Powell.
Center,	" J. H. West,
Taylor's Spring, No letter.	" J. H. West.
Buffalo,	" A. Johnson.

Reports of Committees.

Report on Missions.

Christ commissioned his followers to disciple the nations of the whole earth, and to teach them all his commandments.

Wherever the glorious light of the gospel has gone, it has gone by this chosen means; and so it will and must be carried on until God's will shall be done, and his blood-bought people shall be called from preaching, praying and contributing, to their everlasting reward.

Almost every returning mail brings cheering news from our missionaries in foreign fields. We have some good men there who are doing great good among the heathen.

It is our duty to aid in sending them reinforcement, but especially to aid them with means by which to support themselves, and to give to the idolatrous the Bible in their own language. The scriptural means for doing this is for each one, rich or poor, to give according to his means, and let each gift go perfumed with the odor of earnest prayer. A little from each and the work will be done. When a professing christian refuses to cast in his mite, he has reason to fear that his heart is not right.

The work of Home Missions is equally important. The condition of the colored race, and of many destitute places around us, call aloud to those who love Jesus, to send out qualified men to seek and to save that which is lost. But remember,

they must be supported. The missionary work is a great work, and demands the united efforts of all christians.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. SHERILL, *Chairman.*

Sabbath Schools--B.

There have been many resolutions offered on this subject, many reports written, and much good has resulted, but there is system needed in this great enterprise. Let us appoint a general agent to superintend the organization of Sabbath Schools, and bring up reports from every school in the bounds of this Association; and we hope, in this way, the interest of parents and children will be enlisted in the great work.

J. H. WEST.

On Finance--C.

Received from the Churches,.....$25 00

Distributed as follows:

Paid Clerk for last year's printing,	$2 25.	
Allowed Clerk for services,.....	5 00.	
Left in Clerk's hands for Minutes,	17 75.	
		$25 00

We also report the sum of $10 30, receeived from the Sulphur Spring Church, for aid of Foreign Missions, which was paid over to Br. Walters, Agent for Foreign Missions.

C. W. CLARK,
J. W. THOMAS, } *Committee.*

On Education.--D.

Your committee on Education state with a degree of satisfaction, that, notwithstanding the pressure of the times, our schools of high grade are doing a good business. It affords us much pleasure to say that the United Baptist Institute, at Taylorsville, now under the care of Professor J. T. Deans, is showing signs of life; and we would recommend it to the patronage and fostering care of this Association. By your exertion, it will not only be a permanent institution, but the means of doing much good in the promotion of the cause of Christ. Work, mighty, while it is day.

J. T. SHELL.

Temperance--E.

Temperance is the fruit of the Spirit. As such it is embraced by the sinner when he obtains salvation, and it ought to be practiced by all christians. Intemperance is the work of the flesh; It is opposed to temperance, and it ought to be opposed by all christians.

See Galations 5th chapter, verse 19—22.

S. FURGESON, *Chairman.*

Treasurer's Report,--F.

Received from the committee on Finance,.....$19 55

Allowed as follows:

Paid for printing Minutes,.....$20	00
Balance for last year's printing,..	75
Allowed Clerk for his services,....	4 00
$24	75
	19 55

Due Treasurer, $5 20

P. ELLER, *Treasurer.*

Arrangement for preaching made by the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Professor Walters, at Lenoir, to-night.

Dr. Wingate, at the Church, to-night.

To-morrow, Sunday at 9 o'clock, address on Sabbath Schools, by Br. Pritchard.

Dr. Wingate to preach at the stand at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Missionary sermon, Prof. Walters, at 11 o'clock.

Br. Alison to preach the closing sermon, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

At 11 o'clock, Br. Gaultney will preach at Lenoir.

Dr. Wingate, at Lenoir, Sunday night.

Abstract of Principles.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from the fallen state which he is in, by his own ability.

4th. We believe that salvation is by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, and should be practiced by all true believers.

6th. We believe the only true mode is by immersion, and that true believers are the only subjects.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in grace to glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

9th. We believe that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked, will both be eternal.

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known by the name of the UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional fifty members over fifty. Every ordained minister, coming recommended by his church, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a delegate.

2nd. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom upon earth.

3rd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4th. The Association thus formed shall choose, by ballot or otherwise, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year and until others are elected. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business, to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member, and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6th. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of this Association, to transcribe them in a book kept for the purpose; and to perform any other duty assigned to him by the Association.

7th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into his hands, and to report the same, at the order of the Association.

8th. There shall be a Committee of Arrangement consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9th. All letters of grievance or queries, together with all letters from corresponding Associations, requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee of Arrangement, and reported back to the Association.

10th. This body shall have no coercive power to Lord it over God's heritage, but shall only be considered an advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

11th. When an offence may have been committed by one church against another, or where a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association, (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be,) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12th. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among their members, nor toward any of her churches, and ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain, with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13th. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14th. The Association shall, in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the Constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15th. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister, shall report the same to the Association, in order that they may appear as such on the face of the Minutes.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. This Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contribution from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association, present at any annual session.

18th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as this body may, from time to time, designate.

19th. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory, a Missionary, and also a Denominational sermon, preached at each annual session.

20th. The power of appointing presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and constitution of churches, within the bounds of this Association, shall be vested in this body, any three of whom shall have power to act.

21st. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two-thirds of the members present concurring.

BY-LAWS.

1st. At each assembling of the Association for the transaction of business, the Moderator shall invite members to order; then the Association shall be opened by praise and prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator takes his chair, each member shall take his seat, and the minutes of the preceding day shall be read.

3rd. The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and, on points of order, no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the house.

4th. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

6th. He shall have a general direction of the house; he shall have a right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair.

7th. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.—And when two or more rise at the same time, the Moderator is to name the one who is first to speak. No member shall speak oftener than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

8. While the Moderator is putting any question or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, en-

tertain private discourse, stand up or pass between him and the chair.

9th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment.

10th. All papers addressed to the Association shall be presented by the Moderator.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

12th. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case, the member so called to order, shall sit down.

13th. In all elections, the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

14th. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a majority concurring.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	Saturdays.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec. by Let.	By Recant.	Rec. by Ap.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Finances.
New Hope,	Wilkes,	Perlear's Creek,	4	P. Eller, Thomas Walsh, J. F. Stout,	10			1	8		1	105	83 00
Center,	Alexander,	Little River,	1	J. H. West, E. C. Oxford, W. C. Oxford,					3			18	1 00
Sardis,	Caldwell,	Lenoir,	3	J. R. Sherrill, C. Clark, R. Freemand, E. Bradshaw,	1		2			2		23	1 50
Cub Creek,	Wilkes,	Wilkesboro,'	1	J. McNeil, H. Curtis, J. J. Parlier, S. Ginnings,	2	2		2	2	3		64	3 00
Buffalo,	Ashe,	Jefferson,	4	M. Camell,								12	1 50
Lower Creek,	Caldwell,	Lenoir,	2	C. W. Clark, W. Cottrell, J. Powell, J. Sudreth, D. D. Coffey, J. B. Powell, J. Smith, G. D. Sherill, D. B. Brown,	2	6			6	5	3	154	4 00
Bethel,	Ashe,	Jefferson,		J. Walters, A. Johnson,	1	3			1			52	2 50
New Bethany,	Iredell,			J. A. Moore, B. Ingram,	16	13			2	2		47	
Oak Forest,	Wilkes,	Wilkesboro,'	3	E. Staley, M. A. Parks,		3				1		20	2 00
Dudley Shoal,	Caldwell,	Hickory Tavern	1	J. H. Grider, T. C. Sherrill, J. T. Shell,						1		26	1 00
Taylorsville,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	3	D. W. Moore, E. C Harrington, W. J. Harrington, S. Furgeson, I. Oxford,					2			31	1 60
Sulphur Spring,	Alexander,			W. Thomas, T. Hudson, W. A. Pool,	10	5						51	2 00
Liberty Grove,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,		J. Watts, B. F. Steele, R. L. Steele, J. Parmer,								33	1 50
Concord,	Alexander,	Taylorsville,	3	D. W. A. Levan, W. W. Abernathy, J. E. Warren,	8	1			3			56	50
					50	33	3	2	25	14	4	692	25 00